In the Specification:

Page 8, last paragraph, as amended:

-- In one embodiment, as shown in Figure 1, lifting the lid 3 activates the dispensing mechanism 31 causes a container 1 to dispense a strip 7. An extension 5 on the lid 3 extends into the container 1. A tip 51 of the extension 5 provides a friction surface made from or coated with a thermoplastic elastomer (TPE), rubber or silicone. One side 53 of the tip may be coated as a friction surface and the other side 55 may be left uncoated. --

Page 9, first paragraph, as amended:

-- The use of the thin film dispensing container 1 is shown in Figures 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D. The lid 3 initially starts in the closed position with the extension 5 resting against the top wall 2 of the container 1. When a user lifts the lid 3 (Figure 2B), the extension 5 swings downward and contacts the top strip 7 in the package container 1. As the user continues to open the lid 3 (Figure 2C) and further swings the extension towards the package container opening, friction moves the strip 7 forward. When the lid 3 is completely open (Figure 2D), a single strip 7 is out of the container far enough for a consumer to reach the strip 7, grasp an end of it and pull it from the container 1. When the lid 3 is closed, the extension 5 moves back to the starting position shown in Figure 2A, ready to eject the next strip 7 upon the next opening of the lid 3. --

Page 10, third paragraph, as amended:

-- Figures 5A, 5B, 5C and 5D show the operation of the thin film-dispensing container 1 utilizing the lever mechanism 37. The lever 11 and extension 5 originally start in the relaxed

stored position, as shown in Figure 5A, with the extension 5 against the upper surface of the container 1. Upon sliding back the lid 9, the lever 11 is depressed by a link 12, which moves the tip 51 of the extension 5 towards the strips 7. Living hinges 13 are formed between the lever 11, links 12 and 14 and the molded sliding top 9 of the package container 1. The TPE, rubber or silicone tipped pad 5 is connected to link 12 between living hinges 13. As the lid 9, which is the top of the package container, is slid backward, as shown in Figure 5B, the lever 11 is pressed downward, and the pad 5 contacts the top strip 7. As shown in Figure 5C, the cover 9 is further slid backward and as the lever 11, which has a fork engaging a rear wall of the package container bottom, is pressed further, the link 12 and extension 5 are rotated downward and forward and the strip 7 is ejected out the front of the package container 1. The molded top 9 of the package container slides back to uncover the dispensing opening 4 while depressing the lever 11. The device relaxes when pressure is released and returns to the start position. The top 9 is slid forward, closing dispensing opening 4 and pulling links 14 and 12 into aligned position. --

Page 12, lines 11 - 25, as amended:

- --- when lid is lifted, extension contacts top strip in package container
- -friction moves strip towards packaging opening
- -when lid completely open, single strip is out far enough for consumer to reach
- -when lid is closed, extension moves back to start position
- -ready to eject next strip

Lever mechanism:

- -user pulls back on the upper surface of the container
- -lever is depressed towards the strip

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- -a living hinge is between the lever and the molded front of the package container
- -the rubber or silicone tipped pad is on the living hinge
- -as the lever is pressed down, the pad contacts the top strip
- -as the lever is pressed further down and forward, the strip is ejected out the front of the package container --

Page 13, line 1, as amended:

--- the molded front of the package container slides back to reveal an opening --